

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please enter the seven replacement sheets of drawings (Figures 13-15, 27, 40, 42, 53(A)-53(C), 54, and 57) that are attached to this Amendment.

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 15, 2006 has been received in its contents carefully considered.

The present Amendment cancels the withdrawn claims without prejudice to a possible divisional application. It also cancels rejected claim 1, and transfers its subject matter to objected-to claim 3. In addition, the Amendment revises claim 2 so that it now depends from claim 3. In view of these changes, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3-7 are patentable over the prior art. The Amendment also cancels rejected claim 58.

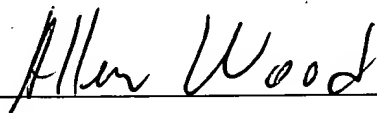
The present Amendment also changes "document format data" on page 58 to "document format information" to conform the terminology used on page 58 to terminology used elsewhere in the application.

Turning now to section 3 of the Office Action, the objection to Figure 13 is respectfully reversed. It is acknowledged that the present application states on some occasions that the document format database stores "document format information" (see, for example, the passages at page 58, lines 12-13; page 59, lines 16-22; and page 63, line 23 to page 64 line 3) and indicates on other occasions that it stores "co-ordinates" (see, for example, the passages at page 59, lines 5-9 and page 61, lines 3-8). An ordinarily skilled person who had read the application would realize, though, that these are not two different types of information. Instead, the document format database stores "document format information" in the form of "co-ordinates" as shown in Figure 13. If the Examiner believes that the application also has passages indicating that the document format database stores other types of information, it is respectfully requested that these passages be identified.

Section 4 of the Office Action objects to Figures 13, 27, 40, 42, 53, 54, and 57 on the ground that they do not have reference numbers necessary for understanding the invention. In response, the present Amendment forwards seven sheets of replacement drawings with reference numbers in the objected-to Figures. In addition, the Amendment revises the specification to refer to the new reference numbers. In view of these revisions, it is respectfully submitted that the objection in section 4 of the Office Action has been overcome.

For the foregoing reasons it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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